

The Sword and Crook

The Lambda Chi Phi Alumni Newsletter

Issue 1 - Fall '98

GETTING INVOLVED

Brothers,

Dear Graduate Brothers, on behalf of the Resident Brothers of the Lambda Chi Phi Chapter, I would like to take this opportunity to say "hello" from the premiere issue of *The Sword and Crook*. As you may or may not know, we are within reach of achieving the 100th initiated brother of Lambda Chi Phi. Truly, a landmark occasion for our Phi. This would be a great chance for you as Graduate Brothers, along with the Resident Chapter, to celebrate the great history of how our Chapter was founded. I encourage you to get involved with the Graduate Chapter so the Resident Chapter may learn from your experiences. Our Brotherhood becomes stronger when we can learn, through the guidance and wisdom of those who came before us. It is through your involvement in activities such as (Founder's Day, Crow Bowl, Homecoming, Pinnings and Initiations) that we are able to strengthen the Bond of Brotherhood here at Drexel and Nationally. Without your participation in events such as these we lose sight of our mission. So I ask you again, to please be involved with the Resi-

CHAPTER RELATIONS

Alumni,

I want to introduce you to your first installment of *The Sword and Crook*. The purpose of this newsletter is to allow you to periodically receive news of how the Resident Chapter is doing, upcoming events, Graduate Chapter news, and personal updates from Alumni Brothers. As the Alumni Relations Officer it is my intention that you will receive three to four issues a year.

If there are any Alumni who would like the opportunity to let everyone know what has been happening to them please send them either by e-mail to anderson@drexel.edu or by mail to:

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Fraternally,
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THE VIEW FROM THE EYRIE

Greetings Brothers,

I just wanted to take a moment to express my gratitude and appreciation to those among the Graduate Brothers who have been making a difference for the good of the Phi, especially Scott Lutcken, F. Scott Mercaldo, Jason Frye, Trung Nyugen, Mark Boyle, Jason Bender, Kevin Shannon, Jim Cottone, Ralph Petrella, Rocco Di Prinzio, Dave Wolf, Doug Cours, Kai Huang, and of course Father Brinkman.

It's been a wonderful year for the Phi. The Resident Chapter recently distributed more than 20 bids! Brother Brinkman's term as National President is half complete and things seem to be going rather well. It was awesome to see the Graduate Brothers at

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dent Chapter, live the Landmarks and promote the Brotherhood of our Chapter.

In the bond,

Tony Pellegrino, President
Lambda Chi Phi



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the Founder's Day Pig Roast in May and again at the Founder's Day Semi-Formal in September. Some Graduates have even been spotted at the Golf Outing and the road trip to see the Baltimore Ravens and other Phi events.

I also wished to apologize to the Graduate Chapter for my failure to put together a meeting last term. I am planning to hold one on Sunday, December 6th in conjunction with the Resident Chapter's Finals Week Sunday Brunch. Brother Brinkman has often expressed his wish that the Graduate Chapter would take over the preparation, cost or both for that Brunch and I think it is time we did. The meeting will take place following the Brunch which generally runs from 10:00

am to 2:00 pm. I need some volunteers to bring/prepare breakfast foods (flapjacks and pork products) for around fifty hungry Crows.

The Resident Brothers have often brought up the subject of challenging us Graduates to various sporting contests - football, volleyball, and softball. I have been competing with several of them at ping-pong, air hockey, and losing at billiards in the Newman Center's game room. I'm hoping we can scrounge up enough Brothers to actually accept these challenges and teach these guys the lesson that we're not just their elders...

Special thanks to Brother
Frye for his donation of
money for Web address
and the Triangle Ad.

Brother Frye has been especially generous. We now have the web address of www.ducrows.org. I'm hoping those Brothers' who have been setting up web pages will add links to help bring it all together. He also recently donated an advertisement in the Triangle for this Fall's Rush. He challenged the Graduate Chapter to match his donation and said he'd bump a half page ad up to a full page if we could do it. Alas, our resources were unable to meet that challenge and I wasn't able to spread the word, which brings me to my final subject...

The Graduate Chapter needs your support. We use the last of our funds to put on the reception at last year's Re-Chartering ceremony. I ask you to please consider the Phi, the good times we've had and the better things to come. Graduate dues remain \$30.00, but larger donations are always welcome, especially of time and talents. If any Brother needs to reach me for any reason (address update, interest in participating in upcoming events, updating our records of who all got married, whose had how many children, or even just to talk) please don't hesitate to call me at (610) 666-1130 (H) or (610) 337-0274 ext 134 (W) or e-mail me at Bill_Dougherty@urscorp.com. Let's make the Graduate Chapter a "strong foundation" for the Phi! Who's with me?

In the Bond,
"Pringles"

William T. Dougherty, '91
It has been my honor to serve
as Graduate Chapter President

RECRUITMENT

Recruitment this year for the Lambda Chi Phi chapter is going extremely well. The brotherhood started with a strong showing at Activities Unlimited, where we received many sign-ups and excellent advertising for the Fraternity. This later led to a strong IFA rush in which we held five events where we had twenty-five to thirty recruits show up. We handed out bids to twenty-

Are you interested in:

**Student Government (USGA)
Drexel Radio WKDU
Tutoring
Becoming an RA
Intramural Sports
Crew Team
Musical Ensembles
Solar Powered Car (Sun Dragon)
Student Tech (DUST)
Honor Societies
Pi Nu Epsilon Music Fraternity**

**What a coincidence...
So are we.**



**alpha chi rho
www.ducrows.org**

**Alpha Chi Rho brothers are involved with all of the above
campus organizations, and more!**

**Get in touch with us at [dsoaxp @drexel.edu](mailto:dsoaxp@drexel.edu)
Click "recruitment" on our web site for events!**

**Leadership opportunities, networking, scholarships & loans, academic
programming, service opportunities, involvement in the University...**

...and – above all – FRIENDS FOR LIFE.

one of them. So far we have pinned ten of them with several planning to wait till the beginning of Winter Term.

Lambda Chi Phi will be holding an official recruitment event every two to three weeks with plans to have another pinning ceremony sometime early next term.

In the Bond,
Evan Byock
Recruitment Chair

CROW BOWL '98

This is the third year for the Lambda Chi Phi Chapter at Drexel to participate in the Each Crow Bowl tournament at Temple-Ambler. The first year we participated and were eliminated in regular tournament play. Last year we placed fourth. This year behind our strong running and passing game on offense and our stingy defense, we placed third with a record of 3-2. The schools that we played were SUNY-Binghamton, LaSalle, College of New Jersey, and Lehigh. Hopefully next year we

will keep improving and place higher in the standings. Even though we did very well in the tournament, the most moving experience was the circle of more than 150 Brothers that sang Amici after lunch.

As Athletic Chair I would ask that any donations of used or new equipment would be appreciated. Please check out the Brotherhood web page for schedules. It would be nice to have some support for our Phi.

Jeff Madden
Athletic Chair

FB says...

We are pleased to announce that we are number one among all Fraternities at Drexel in academics. Our cumulative GPA is over 3.0. Congratulations to the Brothers who work so hard at achieving academic excellence.

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struction are harrowing. The Brothers looked around and saw that we had the power to help with those involved in relief efforts, especially those with family in Central America. We will be working to start a clothing drive for the people of Honduras. The Brothers are first going to donate what appropriate clothing they can. We will then further share what we have seen and heard with our families, friends, and the University community and encourage them to get involved. This is where the you, the Graduate Brothers can help. Look in your closets, check with your family and friends and collect as much as possible. You can help us collect. It's really an awesome thing to realize that the Brotherhood can make a difference in the lives of fellow man thousands of miles away.

For more information please call the Newman Center at (215) 590-8760.

Chris Scanlon
Chaplain



The Phi has hatched

R. G. H. C.
11-12-97

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SHARING THROUGH GIVING

A sharing of life's experiences, the chance to try to live the landmarks, and to help others — these are the reasons that many of us took the oath to become Brothers. These are much the same reasons that we come together to work on philanthropy. I would say that the Brothers of the resident chapter have found what we expected to find and more in the recent philanthropies. We have come together for several projects and are continuing to learn while currently working in earnest with others.

Earlier in the term, Brothers went

to the Home of the Merciful Savior, a nearby home for children with cerebral palsy, for a pumpkin decorating party. We were lucky in that we were able to go back to H.M.S., something that we are making into a tradition. It is great to see the kids' familiar faces and have fun helping them with their pumpkins (one Brother was even able to persuade his pumpkin buddy to take his midterm for him). Although most of the Brothers who went had been to H.M.S. before, Brothers were still filled with the strong feeling that we are very lucky and that the kids really enjoyed it. More recently Brothers have walked the AIDS Walk on

the Drives and worked to help set up the MTV Village when the Campus Activities Board brought an MTV concert to town. We are awaiting the WPVI Thanksgiving Parade, as we will be working as balloon handlers, which should be a lot of fun. We are also preparing for the Polar Bear dive in the Winter Term.

Currently Brothers are working to bring relief to victims of Hurricane Mitch. Tales of the de-

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PRESIDENT'S PEN

Brothers,

In a time where our Chapter has had to make some hard decisions, we look to our past to guide our future. We see a future with two roads ahead. The choice is before us, made possible by the new Greek Life staff, to possibly acquire a house. This can be an incredible opportunity for us to prosper, with a place to call ours. I see our chapter growing stronger, with a tighter brotherhood. We need to take this opportunity with our past history in mind. We must remember circumstances behind the downfall of our

beloved Phi. To secure a positive result from this new experience, we need to recruit enthusiastically and educate our new postulants with the knowledge they need to succeed, for when the current senior class graduates, they truly will be the lifeblood of this chapter. Thank you for all your help with past and future events and your continued participation. We hope to see you all at Founders Day.

In the Bond,

Tony Pellegrino,
President Lambda Chi Phi

CHAPTER NEWS

Alumni,

I want to draw everyone's attention to the calendar of events that is included on page 4 of this newsletter. There are several things to note. The Graduate Chapter, at their meeting on February 13, voted to begin organizing and financing the Pre-Finals Brunch that was started by the Resident Chapter back in 1996. The intention, from the start, was for this to be an event where the Graduate Chapter would come, prepare, and serve brunch to the members of the Resident Chapter on the Sunday before Finals week. The Graduate Chapter will be hosting their first Brunch this term.

The Graduate Chapter also decided to start recognizing a "Resident

Brother of the Month". Our first recipient for the month of January was Evan Byock, the Resident Chapter's Treasurer. The recipients will be invited to the next Graduate Chapter meeting.

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THE VIEW FROM THE EYRIE

Brothers,

Quite a subject I have here before me... The future vision of the Graduate Chapter. There is so much I would like it to be. Someday... This is how I see our Phi when I get to be, well, Judge Bedford's age (may we all age as gracefully). Picture it with me... Hundreds of Grads, monthly meetings with dozens of Brothers regularly attending to renew and strengthen the Bond, to share their stories, and plan an even grander future. How about an executive board elected at the annual Business Meeting, committees planning the Founders Days (Spring Pig Roast and Fall Semi-Formal). We can have a nominating committee (whose main goal would be to select the Vice President who would then go on to become the President the following year and to select our delegates to National Convention), a Treasurer and Secretary (who would hold their posts until they chose successors). We can have a House (run by the Graduates for the

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Resident Brothers) and a large bank account (~\$1,500), it could be grand someday. Sounds a bit like National, doesn't it? Maybe I dream too big.

For now, let's start small and work with what we have. A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step. We're going to throw a luncheon this month for the graduating Seniors (read incoming Graduate Chapter members). Next month we'll try for the Finals Week Brunch again (the Sunday before St. Patty's Day). I'm still hoping to hear if anyone is up to the challenge of taking on the Resident Chapter at sports. The gauntlet has been laid before us! We can do this. We can put them in their place and show them what we're made of. We're not that old yet are we???

I'll say it again, let's be a Strong Foundation for the Resident Chapter. Who's with me??? As always, I can be reached at 610/337-0274 x 134 (W) or 610/666-1130 (H) or via

Special thanks to the following Graduate Brothers for paying dues or making donations:

Rich Bloom
Father Charles Brinkman
David Calhoun
Edmund Chui
Rocco Di Prinzio
William Dougherty
Jason Frye
CJ Lammers
Eric Melcher
F. Scott Mercaldo
Bob Pascucci
Gerald Yockey

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bill_dougherty@urscorp.com.

In the Bond,

William T. Dougherty
Class of '91

It has been my honor to serve as
Graduate Chapter President

Update from a Graduate Brother

I just wanted to update the chapter on changes in my life. If it hasn't been noted yet, I got married to Irene Selznick on August 30, 1998.

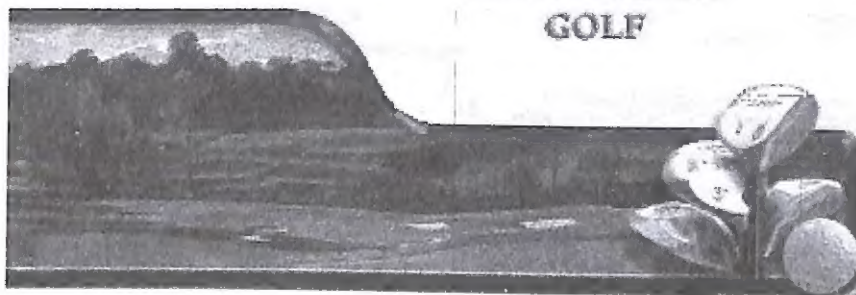
Also, I just changed jobs. I am now an accountant for Peirce-Phelps Inc. My new e-mail address is jtb@peirce.com.
Jason Braun

ANNOUNCING

FOUNDER'S DAY 1999

Keep Saturday, June 5 open because this year's event will include:

ALPHA CHI RHO
GOLF



and the Annual
PIG ROAST

WATCH FOR DETAILS IN THE MAIL

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Have you recently gotten married? Have you had any kids? Did you just recently change jobs or gone back to school? The Sword and Crook is looking for updates from any of our Alumni. If you wish to let your fellow Alumni and Resident Brothers know how you have been doing please write it down in the space below or email it to **anderson@drexel.edu** . If you need more room feel free to write on the back. Thank you.

Brian Anderson
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AXP
ALPHA CHI PHI

Resident Chapter chooses new Academic Advisor

On Thursday, February 18, the Resident Chapter chose Dr. Allan Smith of the Department of Chemistry as their new Academic Advisor.

Members of the Graduate Chapter had the opportunity to meet Dr. Smith at the

recent Graduate Chapter meeting which was held on Saturday, February 13. Please offer Dr. Smith whatever assistance he may need in this new role.

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Also at the Graduate Chapter meeting Brother Kai Huang was elected Treasurer Pro-tem till the Annual Graduate Chapter meeting held in conjunction with Founder's Day. Lastly, the Graduate Chapter is going to organize a regional Phantom's Game with the Graduate Chapters at Rowan, Penn, LaSalle, and Temple Ambler. Be looking for more details on this.

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Fraternally,
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FB says...

I am very pleased to welcome Dr. Allan Smith as the new Academic Advisor for the Chapter. He is a great addition to our Chapter. My hope is that someday he may be admitted as a Brother of our Fraternity. The years I have spent as the Chapter Advisor have been both an opportunity and a challenge. It gave me the opportunity to meet all of you. Please join me in welcoming Dr. Smith.

WE USED TO CALL IT A ROAD TRIP...

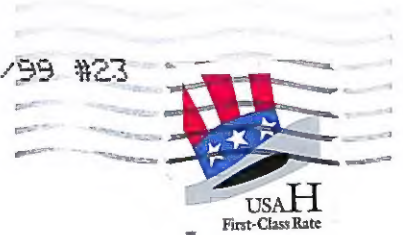


95th National Convention -
June 23-28, 1999,
Stratton Mountain Resort,
Stratton Mt., VT

For more info. contact Convention HQ:
axprbhq@aol.com

NOW IT IS AN ADVENTURE!

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Graduate Calendar of Events

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| Sunday, March 14 | - | Graduate Chapter is hosting the Winter Term Brunch. Will be held at the Newman Center. Brunch starts at 11:30 am. |
| Saturday, May 22 | - | Michael Gentile's Wedding |
| Saturday, June 5 | - | Founder's Day Golf and Pig Roast
More details to follow. |
| Wednesday, June 23 -
Monday, June 28 | - | 95th National Convention
Stratton Mountain, Vermont
Contact National Headquarters for details - (732) 869-1895 |

AXP

ALPHA CHI RHO FRATERNITY

Drexel University Colony

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Brother-at-Large

Edwardo T. Gillison
President

Michael Gentile
Brother-at-Large

Brian Anderson
Secretary

Timothy Durham
Vice President

Jeff Madden
Treasurer

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: March 7, 1997

Contact Jason W. Frye (215) 382-2339 -ujfrye@mcs.drexel.edu

DREXEL COLONY OF ALPHA CHI RHO RAISES **MORE THAN \$1000 FOR AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY**

Cape May, NJ. -- The Drexel University Colony of Alpha Chi Rho (AXP) announced today that more than \$1000 was raised for the American Cancer Society during their February 8 Polar Bear Dive into the Atlantic Ocean.

The Polar Bear dive is organized annually by the Alpha Chi Rho Temple Ambler Chapter to benefit the American Cancer Society.

The Drexel Colony of Alpha Chi Rho raised money for the dive by seeking donations from students, faculty, staff, and other Greek organizations at Drexel.

"With a bellowing scream, we all charged towards the 38° water. The water felt like a beam of sunshine on our bodies compared to the frigid air surrounding us ... In short, it was awesome!" stated one of the Drexel participants.

Alpha Chi Rho is a national men's social fraternity. Re-established in January 1996, the Drexel Colony of Alpha Chi Rho currently has 44 members.

For more information about AXP Drexel, contact Ed Gillison at (215) 382-2339. For more information about the Polar Bear Dive contact Jason Frye at (215) 382-2339.

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*The Brothers of Lambda Chi Phi extend their cordial invitation to The 12th Anniversary
Founders' Day Celebration.
To be held on May 16th 2004 at 12:00 Noon.*

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*The event will be held at the George's Hill Pavilion in
Fairmount Park, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Please see the attached map for directions.*

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*Events of the day will include:
Senior and Chapter Awards Ceremony
Grad vs. Undergrad Chapter-wide Softball Game
Pig Roast
Good Times!*

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*The cost of this event will be \$5.00 per person attending
RSVP to Steve Mead, Alumni and Founders' Day Chair
By Friday, May 7th, 2004.*

Phone: 203.231.6286

E-mail: smead@duchis.us.org



The Sword & Crook

Lambda Chi Phi, Drexel University – Late Summer 2004

Brothers in the Bond,

The past year has been a banner year for Alpha Chi Rho at Drexel. We have seen the years of hard work by many brothers present and past pay off with the realization of long held dreams. In April the Lambda Chi Phi chapter was awarded this year's Drexel University Dean's Cup, signifying that we are the strongest chapter on Drexel's campus; though every brother made this great achievement possible, it would have been impossible without the tireless work put forth by brothers Mike Naioti, Ryan Siskey, Craig Hall, Carther Posey and Ben Smith. They made sure this year's Dean's cup application was flawless and truly showed everything that Alpha Chi Rho men have to offer a college campus and a community.

As a chapter, we have also seen our athletic achievements in Inter Fraternal Sporting events improve. We made the playoffs in football, softball and horseshoes; and we came in an unprecedented third place out of nine chapters in this year's Greek week cup.

Indeed, the past few months have been fruitful, and the next few look even more promising. Crowbowl has returned to Philadelphia; the Lambda Chi Phi chapter, as well as the Temple Ambler chapter will be hosting Crowbowl on Temple Ambler's campus. With the hard work of Brother Tony Haughton, this year's Crowbowl has been turned into a philanthropic event. We will be donating most of the proceeds from this event to the David Akers Kicks for Kids Foundation, and we will hopefully have players from the Philadelphia Eagles in attendance.

Fall brings our busiest term here at Drexel. With another academic term, many community service events, socials and flag football games, we are sure to continue to be one of Alpha Chi Rho's most productive chapters.

Fraternally, James Gardner
President, Lambda Chi Phi

Alpha Chi Rho – Best on Campus!

By Michael Naioti

It took Alpha Chi Rho twelve years to win the Drexel University Dean's Cup, an award given to the best overall chapter on campus. Dean of Students, Diana Dale, awarded the Cup to President Ryan Siskey and Vice President Michael Naioti at the Greek Awards banquet and reception in April.

The award took on special significance to many within the Executive Board of the Chapter because of a string of three runner-up awards in as many years. This year's award was the capstone on the many accomplishments made by the entire chapter throughout the 2003 school year.

"After three years of being first runner-up, it's a great relief to finally be honored as the best Fraternity on campus." Brother Craig Hall said on winning the title.

Alpha Chi Rho placed first in hours of community service and non-alcoholic social programming as well as philanthropic dollars raised. Major events held throughout the year that helped the chapter garner these titles were the Annual Polar Bear Dive and Dinner, Casino Night 2003: A Night in Vegas and the Splatter! Paintball Tournament at Jack Frost Mountain. Treasurer Carter Posey and Chaplain Craig Hall were instrumental in planning and executing these events.

Each year a Fraternity is chosen by a panel of Drexel University Student Life staff members based on Chapter identity, programming, member development, and citizenship among other things. These accomplishments are explained in the dreaded Dean's Cup application that took on a new look this year. Vice President Naioti completed the approximately 300 page application for submission.

The longstanding tradition of Alpha Chi Rho positively influencing those who we reach is still alive and thriving. Now the Drexel Crows are Dean's Cup champions!

See the picture on the next page!

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Dean's Cup 2004 Winners!



Brothers Siskey and Naioti accepted the Dean's Cup with many other Brothers in attendance.

AXP Fo'mal - "A Night to Remember"

By Tony Haughton

This year's formal turned out to be, in my opinion, the best Alpha Chi Rho formal ever. From the dancing and singing, to the performances on stage, to the misspelled words on our oh-so-unique party favors, it seemed that everyone had a good time from the moment we stepped into the dining hall to the moment we left. Who can forget a great party? In the words of one of our guests, "Tony, now that I think of it, I don't quite remember leaving."

Having many Graduate Brothers in attendance helped our newly initiated brothers to bond with the "older guys" in a social setting. Craig Hall felt, "this year's formal showed a positive social environment and gave us the opportunity to interact with Graduate Brothers that haven't been around since their graduation." All in all we never forgot why we had the event in the first place. As Mike Naioti says, "The food was great, the DJ played all the classics and everyone was there to have fun. It was a great Fo'mal." A great time was had by all, and I guarantee that the 2005 FO'MAL will top 2004's. There are plenty of pictures on the website to remember the occasion.



A great time was had by all...

Fall 2004 Recruitment Events

Pat's King of Steaks Night
Tuesday, October 5th 7:00 PM

Texas Hold'em Tournament, BBQ & Horseshoes
Thursday, October 7th 7:00 PM

The Price is Right w/ the Sisters of ΔΦΕ
Monday, October 11th 7:00PM

Dinner/Interview with Brothers
Wednesday, October 13th 7:00 PM

Paintball Trip to the Poconos
Sunday, October 17th Time TBA

All events start at the AXP house located at 206
N 34th Street, across from Kelly Hall.
Contact John Santoro (jsantoro@ducrows.org)
for more information.



~ANΔPIZEΣΘΕ~ Visit www.ducrows.org

Barbara Bianchi

From: Scott Carlson
Sent: Friday, September 02, 2005 10:52 AM
To: mjs792@drexel.edu
Cc: Chris Zisko; James Beanan; Barbara Bianchi
Subject: axp hq- Drexel new letter

Michael Scameo – Drexel

Dear Brother Michael:

Brother Zisko is on tempory leave. Please forward all communications to me.

I am in receipt of the Chapter New Letter. When is the next one planned to go out to qlumni?

The one in hand is a great letter but is stale information. If I had the original word file I could convert it to PDF and email it out or you can post it on the Chapter web site.

I think that a more up to date version should be prepared and then that could be mailed. Let me know your thoughts

Scott A. Carlson, CPA
CEO of Alpha Chi Rho Fraternity and Foundation

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www.alphachirho.org

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www.axpef.org

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mailed out.*

Dear Chris Zisko,

My name is Michael Scarneo and I am the new Correspondent for the Lambda Chi Phi chapter at Drexel. I was told to email you to have you approve the issue of our Sword and Crook for the spring. Unfortunately for some reason I was unable to reach you through email. So I hope this will do. Also could you please send me the list of our members so that I can inform you what needs to be updated on it such as graduated seniors and new members that were initiated and also then know how many copies of the newsletter to make. You can email me at either mscarneo915@gmail.com or mjs792@drexel.edu. Thanks for all your help and awaiting your response.

Sincerely
Michael Scarneo

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reply
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Lambda Chi Phi, Drexel University – Spring 2005

Brothers in the Bond, Presidential Report Spring 2005

Spring is finally here and Alpha Chi Rho is up and running for yet another year. I would like to first recognize the new executive board that will be leading this chapter for the next year. **Secretary:** Brian Borochin, **Brother's at Large:** Jay Young and Mike Giardinelli, **Ritual Officer:** Mike Naioti, **Chaplain:** James Zaratin, **Treasurer:** Mike Kerstetter, **Vice President:** Rob Madden, and finally **President:** Ben Smith. I will be the first to say that all the individuals listed above have many plans for this fraternity for the next year and numerous goals that we will be striving to accomplish in order to continue to be the best organization on Drexel's campus.

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From: Chris Zisko
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2005 10:31 AM
To: bbianchi@alphachirho.org
Subject: FW: Quaterly Newsletter



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Barb:

I think this is a Chapter Newsletter from Drexel. Check with Scott and see if we still send these out?

Thanks

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As we all know, year after year, the fall term proves to be the busiest time of year for the brothers of AXP. This is due mostly in part because of our normal programming efforts in combination with the formal fall Rush. This year the term started off wonderfully with a very strong recruitment that was headed up by Brother Sean Quinn, our recruitment chair. Upon the completion of fall rush, we had around 55 different guys come to our six rush events, we distributed 18 bids, and we pinned 10 postulants. So, while on this subject, I would like to recognize, congratulate, and welcome postulants Ian Alexander, Kyle Yankanich, Mike Mangan, Andrew Santiago, AJ Leonard, Joe Diorio, Wes Singh, Jason Gibbs, Geoff Bayer, and Colin Long to the Alpha Chi Rho Fraternity. These guys, in their short time with us, have proved to be great additions to our brotherhood, and I am excited to see where they can take this chapter during their time at Drexel.

Aside from rush, another large scale event that we took part in during the fall term was our annual Crowbowl that was held at Ramapo College in New Jersey this year. This year the Drexel Crow chapter attended with around fifty people and ended up taking third in the tournament. Another event that we actually put together this fall was our annual paintball event. This year the event was headed up by Mike Kerstetter and it took place during late November. Once again this is a charity event that we always do and I am glad to say that this year we raised five hundred dollars for the National Autism Society. In early November we got a visit from Jim

Beanan, one of our National Resident Councilors. He stops by twice a year just to check up on the undergraduate chapter and make sure things are running smoothly as well as to offer advice on areas that need improvement. This was a great experience for the younger guys in the fraternity because they got to meet and converse with someone from the national level and harness some insight how things are done at the national level. It was a great learning experience for the younger fellows. Another area of programming that we hit really hard this fall and spent countless hours working on was our fundraising. This is by far an area that no one really likes to work with but needs to be done. Brother Chris Giardinelli organized all these events and through his hard work and the brotherhood pulling together to work towards a single goal, they all proved to be very successful.

In closing, I can definitely say it was a very busy fall term as expected. However, with the whole brotherhood working together, we were able to make it the most successful term out of the whole year. I am very proud of our accomplishments over the past term and hope that the brothers are ready to hit the ground running now that winter term is upon us for another great Alpha Chi Rho year.

Thanks and take care,

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President - AXP

A New Era in House Safety for AXP.

New improvements and planning this past term have lead to an increase in safety awareness at the AXP residents. Through the posting of key emergency information, emergency planning, and education, the Lambda Chi Phi chapter of Alpha Chi Rho is prepared to handle situations as well as equipped with the knowledge to avoid disasters.

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Walking into the Chapter house, stand out safety features are visible at every turn. Emergency contact #'s posted in multiple accessible areas of the house are seen alongside evacuation plans otherwise known as means of egress maps of the house, thanks to brothers Michael Naioti and Adam McKinnon. Drexel University has previously helped in safety by installing and managing fire alarms, fire extinguishers, as well as security bars on every street accessible window. For one concerned about fire safety rest assured that with the new risk management guidelines, every inch of the house has been inspected for risks. Checklists have been developed that find and correct hazards such as but not limited to inspecting baseboard heaters for any incendiary materials, inspecting lights, power cords, escape ladders, and other safety hazards.

Education is essential to continue the excellent safety record that the Lambda Chi Phi Chapter exhibits. An example from this past fall term is the chapters debriefing with Drexel's security department, where many issues were discussed mostly pertaining to campus crime and Fraternity relations with Drexel's security. An insightful conversation arose after Drexel Securities presentation, pertaining to how Fraternity life and Drexel Security can work together for the general benefit of both organizations.

What to expect in the future: Look for emergency plans for natural disasters, first aid training for brothers, and a "What to do in the event of" book for the chapter house with a quick reference on the proper action to be taken in the event of any circumstance from natural disaster to a terrorist alert.

Joseph Grippe – Risk Manager

Community Service

Among the many things accomplished this term, our Community Service Hours ranks up near the top as one of our most significant accomplishments. We

totaled roughly 600 hours of Community Service this fall term. While this number is unofficial at this time, it is the most out of any other Greek Organization by nearly 100 hours. A large portion of these hours are all thanks to Brothers Ben Smith, Brian Bobb, Dave Johnson, Mike Giardinelli, and Chris Giardinelli for volunteering a 40 hour week to Habitat for Humanity. These 5 men took time out of their summer break to build a house for those in need.

Throughout the term, many other events took place to make up the additional 400 hours. Brothers volunteered by helping freshman move into their dorm rooms, planting trees in Powelton Village, and taking part in Philly Cares Day where we went to a grade school in North Philly and reorganized their library and painted their doors. Another very successful event was when the Brothers of Alpha Chi Rho teamed up with Sisters of Delta Phi Epsilon to help clean up and paint the Mantua Haverford Community Center. There were about 30 of us in this combined effort to make the center a more enjoyable place for the people that go there.

As Community Service is a very important part of this Brotherhood, we look forward to our upcoming term and the many Community Service events that will take place.

Darren D'Achille – Chaplin



Josh Lopez poses for a picture with some Teri and Angel from DPhiE, during Community Service at Mantua Haverford Community Center.

Fundraising Recap

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The cheesecake fundraiser we ran generated a return of just over \$650. Sales for this fundraiser were ran over the Thanksgiving break and the cheesecakes were delivered over the Winter Break and Holiday Season. This fundraiser was unique, because it was able to provide a season orientated product that could serve an immediate purpose over the holidays. This greatly increased our sales. Families and students purchased the cakes for the holidays and they were well received.

We are continuing to look for new and lucrative fundraising ideas that appeal to our community and families.

Christopher Giardinelli – Fundraising Chair

Education In A Different Light

On August 13, undergraduate and graduate Brothers came together for an educational trip to the Victory Brewery in Downingtown, Pennsylvania. Thirty-eight Alpha Chi Rho men came out and spent a few hours together learning about one of the world's fastest growing brewing companies. The trip consisted of an hour long tour of the facility, during which the brewing process was revealed and myths about "frost brewing" were dispelled. After touring the facility, the Brothers enjoyed a delicious meal

together at the Victory Restaurant. The trip was an immense success and the most successful educational trip of the year.

Matthew Magee – Scholastics Chair

CrowBowl 2005

On Saturday November 5th, the Ramapo Xi Chi Phi Chapter of Alpha Chi Rho hosted the annual CrowBowl Flag Football Tournament at Ramapo's Potters athletic fields in Mahwah NJ. The money raised from this event will be given to the charity of the Xi Chi Phi chapters choice. Members from, past and present, competed on the field or enjoy in the festivities. It was a great day of fun with brothers from all over the United States while raising money for a good cause.

Twenty different Alpha Chi Rho teams, including graduate brother teams, from across the Northeast competed for the charity event. The teams competed in playoff fashion, knocking one another out of the running one by one in order to become the champion team.

Our Chapter here at Drexelfinished in third place, after being eliminated by Ramapo College's undergrad and graduate teams. Lambda Chi Phi was led by many great performances, including key plays by Darren D'Achille and Trevor Alexander. Everyone enjoyed there time at Ramapo and are planning and looking forward to another strong performance next year.

Adam McKinnon - Public Relations



Trevor Alexander makes a big stop during Crowbowl

Crow Bowl 2008

November 1, 2008

Hosted by: Lambda Chi Phi – Drexel University
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The cost to pre-register this year will be \$35.00 per player, which includes t-shirt and lunch. Day of registration will cost \$40.00 per player. The cost of non-players or guests is \$10 for lunch. Additional t-shirts will be available for purchase. Event proceeds will benefit the Jeff Ake Family Trust (<http://www.jeffake.com>).

The games will be located at the Temple Ambler campus. The address is 580 Meetinghouse Road, Ambler PA, 19002. The day's agenda and tournament rules are enclosed.

Please send the enclosed player information spreadsheet back to Matt Magee electronically at magee@drexel.edu by 10/20/08. Entry fees can be mailed to Matt Magee at 3312 Hamilton Street, Apartment 3, Philadelphia, PA 19104. Make checks payable to Alpha Chi Rho.

If you have any questions, please contact Matt Magee at 856.466.7866 or magee@drexel.edu.



AGENDA

Saturday, November 1, 2008 (GAME DAY)

- 7:00 AM – 8:00 AM Registration
- 8:00 AM Games Begin
- 12:00 PM -12:45 PM Lunch
- 12:45 PM – 1:00 PM Amici
- 1:00 PM Games Restart
- 6:00 PM Games Finish
- 6:15 PM Awards Presentation

Rules

- 1) We will be playing Flag Football, i.e. No tackling.
- 2) The game will start with an NFL style coin toss.
- 3) Once the ball hits the ground the play is dead and the ball will be marked where it initially hit the ground. (no fumbles), except on a kickoff or punt, where the ball is not dead until touched by the receiving team.
- 4) There will be six (6) players from each team on the field at any given time during the game. More than that at any time will result in a three (3) yard penalty.
- 5) Each game will be twenty-four (24) minutes long consisting of two (2) twelve (12) minute halves. A six (6) minute break will be used as halftime. The clock will move continuously throughout the entire game, except for time outs. During the last two (2) minutes of the game, the clock will stop for incomplete passes and running out of bounds.
- 6) The offense must start with at least three (3) down linemen. One (1) of those line-men may release as a receiver, but the offense must state he is eligible before the play starts.
- 7) Each registered team will play a minimum of two (2) games. If a team loses two (2) games, they will be eliminated. The final game of the tournament is single elimination. (ex. If the team that has one (1) loss wins the game and both teams have one (1) loss, there is NOT a second game)
- 8) There will be one (1) to four (4) games going on simultaneously.
- 9) We will be using flags as an indicator of when to stop the ball. Once the flag falls off of the ball carrier or the flag is removed the play is over. The flags must be worn on top of any clothing that the player is wearing. The shirt cannot be on top of the flags, or a five (5) yard penalty will be issued. There is also no hand guarding the flag, this will also result in a five (5) yard penalty.
- 10) Teams must be at the field by **no later** than 8:30 am in order to play. If a team is late, they will forfeit all games scheduled.
- 11) Punts may be done on any down. No player on the offense may move until the punter kicks the football. There is no snap required for a punt.
- 12) No player is permitted to leave his feet other than jumping or diving for the ball, i.e. cannot jump to pull the flags from another player. This will result in a five (5) yard penalty from the spot of the foul.
- 13) All penalties are at discretion of referees, and will be 60% of regulation football. Off-sides and illegal formation: three (3) yards from the line of scrimmage or half the distance to the goal. Holding: six (3) yards from the spot of the foul or half the distance to the goal. Pass interference: Spot of foul. Holding inside your own end-zone awards the opposing team with a safety. Tackling of any player will be considered unnecessary roughness, ten (10) yards from the spot of the foul.
- 14) All controversial calls are at the discretion of the referees. Misconduct can result in ejection from the game.
- 15) Extra points: one (1) play from the four (4) yard line for one (1) point. A ball intercepted and run back on an extra point is ruled a safety, worth two (2) points. The team that threw the interception kicks off.
- 16) Three (3) time outs per team for the entire game; a team can use a maximum of two (2) time outs per half.

- 17) A tied score at the end of regulation will follow NFL style overtime with the first team to score wins.
- 18) Any game may be shortened due to time restraints, except for the championship game.

*Structure of the field is up to the discretion of the organizers and referee.

**Referees will be officials from the Drexel University Recreational Sports department or members of other fraternities on campus to ensure neutral third party judging.

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Fall Athletics

By Brother Kevo

Despite a heartbreaking loss in the championship game, AXP had one of its finest IFC football seasons this past fall. A mix of seasoned veterans and talented newcomers led the Crows to an undefeated regular season and a second straight trip to the title game.

AXP was led at quarterback by Adam Marsh, who was equally dangerous running the ball as he was throwing the ball. The receiving corps featured John Williamson, whose spectacular catches and all-out style of play set the tone for the rest of the offense. Newcomers Andrew Cardamone and Joe Scarneo showed great flashes of ability at receiver. The line was anchored by Ian Alexander, Nick Bonavita, and Kevin MacDonald.

Opposing quarterbacks were never comfortable when facing the AXP defensive line, led by sackmasters Alexander and Bonavita. The secondary, manned by Tyler Buecher, Brian Borochin, Marsh, and Scarneo, made several big plays throughout the season.

With several key contributors returning next season, AXP football expects nothing less than a championship run in 2009.

Jam Out against Hazing Band Event

By Brother Stefan Seltz-Axmacher

As an Orientation Leader this past summer I heard many ideas about what Greek Life is all about; everything from togas to heavy alcohol abuse. What struck me, however, was the definite perception of the sinister hazing involved in pledging. Perceptions like that would definitely hinder our ability to recruit men prepared to realize the brotherhood of all men, so we set out to change those notions.

The idea first came together to have some sort of band event, so people could come and have a good

time, and between sets we could talk about the differences between pledging the deltas from animal house and being a postulant of Alpha Chi Rho. As soon as we brought it up to the FSL, they jumped behind the event and incorporated it into Drexel University's first annual Anti-Hazing Week and in Welcome Back Week.

The event itself was a huge success. We had BBQ styled food to serve to everyone at the event, and great music from the bands On Display, Reno Subject, and Nobody Yet. In-between sets brother Borochin got on the microphone and talk about Alpha Chi Rho's dedication to not hazing.

Almost as important as putting our message out there was reconnecting with many of the freshmen we met over the summer. A lot of time passes between playing football on Buckley and Night On the Row, and this event served as an excellent opportunity to start communicating with some familiar faces again and showing them that we aren't just some "frat", but an organization that is dedicated to enriching our campus and community.



Everyone had a fantastic time, and many of the faces I saw at this event became familiar staples at rush, and now, postulant events. Whenever I think of this event, however, the one image that always sticks in my mind is of a good 50 people crowded around Nobody Yet, as they led everyone in singing a punk version of Brittany Spears "Oops I Did It Again"

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Fall Recruitment

By Brother Michael McCurdy

When the summer days fade away and the air starts to get cold, the brothers of Alpha Chi Rho know that it is time for the fall semester at Drexel University to begin. These times in the fall bring many of the brothers back from Co-op and Lazy summer days. Talk to any Crow and you know that these times are some of the happiest. It's hard to hold a smile when you see your brothers after your summer extravaganza and talk of how summer was with a few good summer stories shared always make you feel right at home. With friendships reunited, many tasks that need to be accomplished in order to keep the chapter going are given attention to right away. One of the most important tasks that the brotherhood has to accomplish in the fall semester is Fall Formal Rush.



Extending the hand of friendship to all is a key aspect of the brotherhood. With that as a hallmark of the brotherhood, Formal recruitment started with in true crow style. The brothers invited all who could make it to a Barb-Q at the Lambda Chi Phi house. Introductions were made between both brothers and potential postulants. The feeling of the last grilling before the weather got too cold brought many new prospects out. Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Chips and Soda were served in the front of the

house next to the grill while a game or two of Horse Shoes was played. In the back round the brothers and the rushes kept rocking it out on the drums and guitar playing Rock Band. Eventually, a real band showed up to play until the end of event. The next day, the brothers were proud to find out that many of the rushes had a very good time that night and were very excited about the next event that AXP would host. Many of the rushes complemented the brotherhood; many of them said they felt like they fit right in to the chapter.



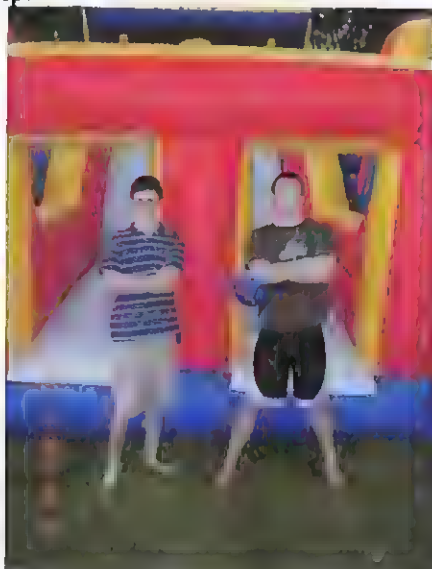
Crows always try to outdo themselves every year and after the first events success, the brotherhood tried to do it one better. AXP-American Gladiators was the highlighted rush events that the brotherhood would host. Huge inflatable obstacle courses and pugle stick battle arena was brought in on Buckley field. There were several events where each competitor could earn points that would eventually yield a winner. This wouldn't be easy however, earning point in the pugle stick area or even in the Powerball course are tough event to compete in, especially against Crows. The rushes tried their best to get past many of the brothers, or to knock them off of the pillar in the pugle stick arena; many of the rushes found themselves on their back. Through all the serious competition, smiles were shared and many of the rushes left the event grinning from ear to ear, even if they didn't win the top prize.

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The brothers of Lambda Chi Phi finished off the series of Rush events with the ever so popular Pats Steak night. Old brothers, current brothers and future postulants sat to eat and chat. Enjoying the night and getting to introduce the new comers with the old crows made this a perfect night. Events like these have brought out many new potential brothers and many of them have come back again and again. In past years the rush events have not been as big as this years and they haven't been as exciting. Who knows what next year's events will bring when Crows try to keep out doing themselves each year, but one thing will remain constant; the hand of friendship.



Brotherhood retreat

By Brother Matt Bricker

As the current Brother at large this year it was my duty to plan and hold the annual brotherhood retreat/lock in. As the Crows have been doing for the past few years, the Brothers and Alpha Chi Rho gathered together with the goal of better chapter organization and sharing of knowledge. This years retreat had more of a lock in feel as it took places in our very own chapter room. There was almost 100% attendance and we where able to get right down to business so we wouldn't be stuck working on business all night. We covered topics like holding a planning meeting to make sure our calendar reflects what the brotherhood wants to do in the up coming terms. We also help information sessions on such things like Roberts Rules(Can be found at www.robertsrules.com), our risk management policy, a Recruitment workshop, and being a big brother. At the conclusion of the productive but exhausting day, the Brothers unwound and hung out at the house for an awesome night of "rock band" and relaxing watching TV.

Philadelphia Cares

Oct. 18th

By Brother Nicholas Simmons



This service project was through the Greater Philadelphia Cares organization. Strangely, no one had any clue where or what we would be working on. Upon arriving at the PHC meeting site we

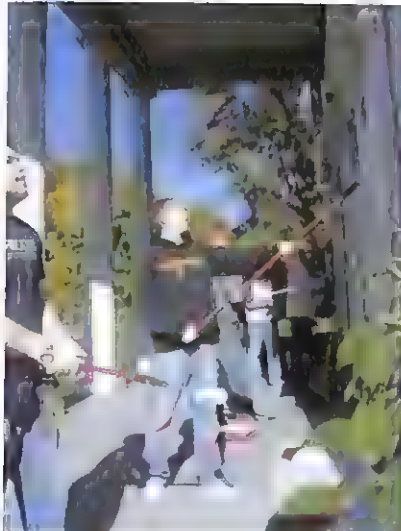
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received our assignment. It was the Hatfield House on Girard Ave. in Fairmount Park. The house was recently given to a nonprofit organization to serve as an HQ for them.



The building hadn't seen maintenance in quite some time and was in need of some beautification. Our first task was to paint all four sides of the house. Brothers went through gallons and gallons of white paint to give the house a fresh look. A picket fence also surrounded the property and needed a good coating as well. The rest of the day was spent cleaning up the fall leaves throughout the extensive yard and all along the side of the road. This community service had also generated some interest from the rushes. A few of the new guys got as pumped up about service as AJ or Bonavita typically are.



Risk Management Presentation

By Brother Lloyd Ricks

October 29th, 2008

The Brotherhood had a risk management seminar hosted by Public Safety and Katie Peoples; the Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life at Drexel University. Public Safety was there to explain Drexel's policies and procedures on events, how we can reduce the risk that we expose ourselves to during daily operation and they finished up with fire safety and prevention. Some of their suggestions were to lock all doors and be aware of your surroundings and not just let things slide like bike robberies. Their other suggestions were to check fire devices such as smoke detectors and fire extinguisher to make sure that they are working properly and ready for use before any event we may have at the house.

Katie Peoples was there to make sure that we understood the FPIG. The FPIG is the policy that our insurance company and national chapter want us to operate by. It tells what we as a chapter are and are not allowed to do in terms of hazing, open and closed events, and normal operation. Katie Peoples' presentation was geared towards an overview of these key policies that are most often broken. She covered what should happen during

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the events we host. We must have things such as a guest list, sober brothers in certain places and non salty food present. She went into what kind of events we are allowed to have and how each one is different from the other along with which ones we need to have Public Safety present at. She continued by telling us about how fraternities are badly portrayed because of hazing. She then explains what hazing means, and what is classified as hazing. Overall, this risk management seminar was a success in letting us as a chapter know what we can avoid as single members and as a whole chapter to keep from placing our chapter in risk.

Crowbowl

Temple fields located at Amber, PA
Hosted by Drexel and Temple University
Saturday, November 1, 2008
By Brother Nicholas Simmons



Once again Crowbowl, an Alpha Chi Rho National event has been planned and hosted by Drexel University and Temple University. The Drexel chapter, Lambda Chi Phi, appointed volunteered Brother Christopher Giardinelli and Brother Matthew Magee to handle the task of planning the day event. They coordinated the many needs of the day such as on site medical staff, equipment, refs, water, food, t-shirts, wristbands, music, and playoff bracket system.



The Temple grad chapter reserved the fields and assisted with many of the last minute details. For some brothers, this morning started at the very crack of dawn to help with the setting up of registration tables and fields. For just about everyone else, the games began around 10am. Over a dozen chapters gathered to compete with each other. A few teams showed their diehard competition edge and talent. Many teams were just easy going and excited to be out and meeting other chapters.



By noon time the initial bracket system was near complete and lunch was served. Thanks to Brother Darren D'Achille's uncle the bountiful feast was provided at cost. Food items included hotdogs, cheeseburgers, chicken BBQ, baked beans, and potato salad. Even at the end of the day there were plenty of leftovers still.

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The second half of the day had an increased feeling in intensity. The teams moving up in the winner's bracket were been driven to win the bragging rights of being champion. The Drexel chapter did not end up taking home first place but did certainly come close to it. The championship went to the Graduate team Richard Stockton College, Phi Eta Chi Chapter.



Over \$1,200 was raised for the family of Brother Ake who was taken hostage in Iraq. Though he has been missing since 2005, his family is unable to collect life insurance since they are not yet able to declare him legally dead. The Drexel Chapter thanks Johnson and Johnson for sponsoring this year's Crowbowl T-shirts. Without their charity, our donation would have been reduced greatly. There are numerous others whom could be recognized for their time, efforts, and contribution which made this a successful event.



Open House Dinner

Thursday, November 6th

By Brother Nicholas Simmons

Once a term the brotherhood hosts a formal sit down style dinner open to numerous faculty and staff of the university. National, along with the president of some of the local chapters were also invited. This event is a key way for the younger brothers familiarized with the Drexel personal which have such an extensive impact on our chapter and student life as a whole. Some of those that were able to make it were Natalie Shaak, John Cooke, Stephen Rupprecht, David Ruth, and Katie Peoples from Drexel, as well as the AXP national president, Jason Robinson, and two executive brothers from LaSalle.

The night began with an informal presentation showing our guests what it is our chapter is all about and our great achievements. Dinner consisting of salad, baked potato with sour cream, chicken, and desert was then served. Afterwards, many of our guests stayed and chatted with brothers and postulants for close to an hour. The event was an excellent event and will be planed again for the winter term.

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National Leadership and Scholarship Institute (LSI)

July 31st through August 3rd

Gettysburg, PA

By Brother Ian Alexander

Over the last weekend in July, Ian Alexander, Matt Magee, and Adam Marsh attended LSI, our national Leadership and Scholarship Institute at Gettysburg University. There were various seminars and teambuilding activities throughout the weekend. It was a great chance to network with other chapters, and share ideas, customs, and practices. There were also a variety of seminars including, budgeting, alumni relations, risk management, as well as individual chapter management meetings. This was also a great opportunity for the chapters to meet and get to know the national staff.



On the final night there was a scholarship and awards dinner. One of the Brothers from our own chapter, Matt Magee, won the McFadden Scholarship. In addition to this, we were awarded the Curly Walden Cup for best overall chapter. This was quite an honor and we were very excited by this. LSI was very productive and gave us a chance to meet some people and hear some ideas that we otherwise would not have. And we brought home the Curly Cup, awesome!

Summer Athletics

By Brother Tyler Buecher



There were several different activities that the men of Alpha Chi Rho participated in during the summer term at Drexel. In order to get back in the swing of football for the upcoming season, several Brothers practiced every week to get in some reps. Through different drills and agility training, they were able to get in the shape needed to begin their season undefeated and are currently at a 3-0 record.



The summer term also brought freshman orientations, where several Brothers were able to meet some of the incoming students and play games of football and ultimate frisbee with them at

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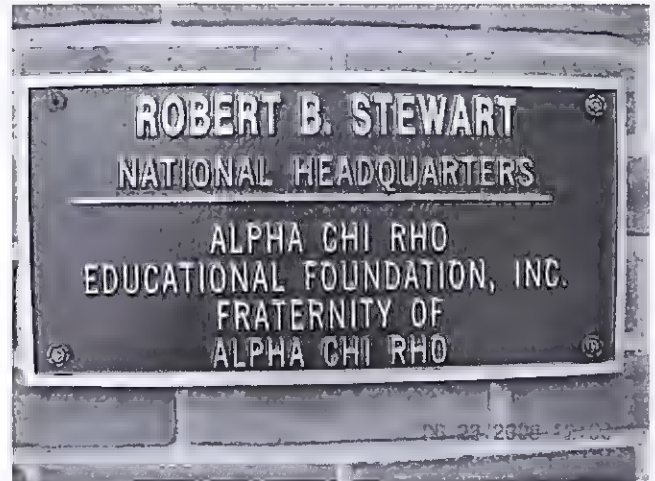
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Buckley Field; this was a nice way to meet some of the new students and make them feel welcome on campus. The Crows also did well in horseshoes, making it deep in the playoffs with a team of strength led by the brawny Matt Magee. In addition to horseshoes, there were weekly volleyball games throughout the summer organized by IFC athletics.



Visit to National for Initiation
August 23rd, 2008
By Brother Nicholas Simmons

Kevyn "Kevo" Buttler, the newest addition to the Lambda Chi Phi Chapter, has been a friend of the Fraternity for a few years; he has now taken that final step and joined our Brotherhood. Brother Buttler was initiated at our National Headquarters in Neptune New Jersey. We are all excited to finally have Kevo in Alpha Chi Rho and know we will benefit from our newest Brother.



"Wakey, wakey, eggs and bakey!" The morning started off with a warm welcoming breakfast prepared by the Steward, a few lovely ladies, and of course postulant Kevo. Brothers gathered around the dining room to enjoy the meal and reflect upon Kevo's postulancy before his final step into the brotherhood. Several cars full of brothers made the trip to National HQ, and it was a first for quite a few guys including myself.



I was surprised by the overwhelming hospitality of our National representative that hosted us that day. After the ritual ceremony we concluded our stay by grabbing lunch and discussing ideas of chapter improvement with our national rep.

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Long and short term goals By Brother Matthew Bricker

The Drexel Crows have started holding long term planning brainstorming sessions in an effort to plan for the future. So far we have talked about everything from getting a new house as a long term goal, to some more attainable things such as getting some nicer couches to sit on in the chapter room in the next year or two. Everyone is very busy this year, so we are taking a new approach to long term planning. In addition to holding meetings we have an online shared document where all the Crows can collaborate on how they want to see their chapter in the future. The Drexel Crows have always had a lackadaisical attitude and the meetings often have more jokes then real content, however when you really pull the meeting apart you can find a lot of

good ideas and positive changes. All in all it is clear that everyone is full of great ideas about how we can improve the chapter, and in the near future I wouldn't be surprised to see some of their ideas become fathomable.

Summer Postulant Class By Brother Kevyn Buttler

After several years of being a friend of the fraternity and many of its brothers, I finally decided to join Alpha Chi Rho over this past Summer. Although my Summer postulancy was a bit out of the norm and only included myself, the three months I spent as a postulant taught me a great deal about the fraternity as well as each brother.



Included in my postulancy were several events that ranged from educational and brotherhood events, to fundraising activities. One of the more popular events was the weekly poker game I hosted at the house which served as both a brotherhood and fundraising activity, as well as educational for those who never played before. Of course, those who were just learning how to play typically ended up beating the more experienced players (me). Another event was a camping trip with six other brothers up near the Poconos area.

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Overall, my postulancy involved a great deal of learning, but also a great deal of fun. I am very glad to have finally joined Alpha Chi Rho, and my only regret is that I did not do it sooner.

Philanthropy

By Brother AJ Leonard

The Summer 2008 term proved to be a worthy one as the Brothers of Alpha Chi Rho, Lambda Chi Phi managed to donate over one thousand hours of their time away from school, work, and socializing to the community. For those of you who are into crunching numbers, that breaks down to a little over one 40 hour work week per active Brother. Congratulations to Matt Bricker and Lloyd Ricks who, single handedly, managed to donate more than 300 hours a piece. Nick Bonavita, Tyler Buecher, Dustin Friel, Adam Marsh, Stefan Seltz-Axmacher and Nick Simmons all also deserve a shout out for volunteering ten hours a day for a week to York Habitat for Humanity. Everyone from the Lambda Chi Phi chapter did an excellent job and plans to keep the hard work rolling through the fall and winter terms!

Habitat for Humanity
Hanover & York, PA
 September 8th – 12th, 2008
 By Brother Nicholas Simmons



Term breaks are short and are not very often for students at Drexel. During the fall break many like to go home, or make one last trip to the beach. However, for the Brothers of Alpha Chi Rho it is a tradition to take this time to help others. The Crows have been helping out with Habitat for Humanity projects annually. This year six brothers choose to contribute their time and effort. Through the Habitat for Humanity of York, PA, they were assigned to two main projects to work on during the week.



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One was a row house which had burned down several years ago and had just had its framing and insulation completed. The brothers worked together in two groups of three to install drywall panels for the ceiling and walls of the entire 2nd floor. Only two of the brothers had gone on the Habitat trip before, but none of them had ever worked with drywall. They did discover the tricks to measuring and cutting pieces to fit rooms that were most certainly not square. Brothers also learned to work well together by recognizing and utilizing those that were best at either cutting, placing adhesive, or nailing. Due to the difficulty of installing drywall, four of the five days were spent on this project.



The second project was a house near completion, but in need of much landscaping. Each time a tractor load of dirt was placed near the house, brothers sloped the ground to create a swale which would direct water away from them house. They also smoothed out the remaining back yard and removed large rocks to prepare for fertilizing the yard. Two tool sheds were also dropped off on the property but needed to be hand placed and made level. Brothers used 2 by 4's to slide the sheds into place. They then brought over pressure treated wood, bricks, and concrete blocks to place under the shed and make it level. All was accomplished in just one day.



Ben Smith, a graduate brother of Drexel University, and his family were kind enough to host the brothers at their home once again. Not only that, but Mrs. Smith graciously prepared a dinner for them each night. Afterwards in their free time, the brothers spent countless dry social hours either watching football, jogging, visiting the York Fair, or playing cards. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and both Habitat for Humanity and the Smith family have invited us back for next year.



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House Improvements

By Brother Nicholas Simmons

A huge chapter goal that was set for the summer was to improve our image on campus. We decide to achieve this goal by setting aside time on Sundays to make improvements to the house. Finding time on the weekends when there weren't sports and community service going on was occasionally tough. Nonetheless, we managed to get together to complete tasks such as: redoing the horseshoe pits, building covers for them, setting up our new TV, cleaning out the storage room and setting up a computer, printer, and bookshelves to make it a library.



Perhaps the most noticeable change was the beautification of the chapter's front grass and flower garden area. A lot of hard work was put forth by brother Dan Duffey to buy gardening tools, flowers, shrubs, grass seeds, and then to plant everything. For the rest of the summer term Duffey spent time to water and take care of the front yard.



After completion of these projects it seems that overall respect for the house has gone up. Both brothers and friends are finding the house to be a better and better place to hang out. Tasks left to be completed in the fall term include painting the Alpha Chi Rho landmarks on the walls, and setting up a surround sound system for the chapter room TV.

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Eagles Fundraiser

By Brother Alex Dinkel



The chapter has been continuing the fundraising program with the Lincoln Financial Field which we started last year. Brothers raise money for the fraternity by working a concession stand at the Eagles Stadium. The amount raised is a percentage of the total sales that are made during the game from the stand that is worked. Usually 5 or 6 brothers go to each home game where they arrive at the Eagles Stadium hours before gates open to the public, and begin preparing their stand. A lot of prep work is needed to get enough food ready for the crazy Eagles fans. I'm proud to say that the first seven events have gone without a single problem. These games usually last around seven hours with the exception the very first event, the Kenney Chesney Concert, which was an all day event. Quite a few guys were caught off guard by the fact that we were going to be there for over 12 hours.



Aside from getting a paycheck every time the Eagles play at home, Brothers are having a great time at these events. It's all the hotdogs, pretzels, popcorn, and nachos you can eat and I dare say I have recruited a brother or two just because he was hungry. I really look forward to creating a positive relationship with Aramark and continuing to bring in the money that this fraternity needs so badly. For a little bit of work, there's a lot of reward. I really think the best part is just getting to spend all day with my Brothers.





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Spring Athletics
By Andrew Chan
IFC softball

This softball season began with a stunning loss to our perennial rivals the Pikes. A single inning shifted an eight run lead to a ten run deficit as the pikes scored eighteen runs to force a mercy rule loss. It became clear early on that our defense needed to come together soon if we were to have a chance at the playoffs. However, redemption came soon as our team strung together three wins (including a forfeit) in a row. The first game came against Sigma Phi Epsilon and it was an ugly low scoring game. However the defense made several key plays to keep the score tight and while we were a few runs behind. Brother Bonavita gave the team a spark of hope with a knock out of Fairmount park hit that swung the game in our favor. From then on it was superb defense that kept us from losing. This was a key game in demonstrating our will to survive and win. Our next game was against Phi Kappa Psi and it was simply a painful game to watch if you were a Phi Psi fan. Again the mercy rule was invoked as our team forced a win with over twenty runs by the fourth inning. This game was marred only by a few incidents of poor sportsmanship due in part by our collective enthusiasm for winning.



As crows, we must hold ourselves to a higher standard and the derisive comments were a poor reflection on ourselves. With the last game upon us against Pi Kappa Phi and the playoffs in sight, a scheduling conflict with a Greek Week event, the Pipino run, forced us to cancel the game and reschedule. Also during Greek Week several of our

starters were sidelined by injuries and were done for the season. Further drama ensued on the day of the makeup game as we discovered the field we were playing on was off limits by Drexel Athletics. The game was suspended and the PiKapp Athletics chair agreed to forfeit to us with their reasoning being that they hadn't won a single regular season game. Their forfeit sealed our playoff berth and we ended the regular season with a 3-1 record.

The playoffs were upon us and our first game was against Sigma Phi Epsilon, the first team that we had beaten during the regular season. Again this was a hard fought game, compounded by the lack of starters due to injuries. Another low scoring game ensued and we had to swallow a tough playoff loss as SigEp played with a vengeance to earn redemption from their regular season loss.

Overall this was a bittersweet ending to a memorable season that saw score swings in both directions. With the passing of

the Senior class, we will look toward the younger brothers to fulfill their places and continue a tradition of excellence in sports. And if their enthusiasm carries onto the younger brothers, as I am sure it has, look for this coming year to be a memorable one as well.



The Recent History of Lambda Chi Phi By Nicholas Simmons

This spring term was a time for much celebration. The much anticipated Spring Formal this year occurred on May 16th which coincided with our Chapter's founding here at Drexel. This was then shortly followed by the initiation of our chapter's newest brother Mike Lupton on May 31st. In celebration of our new brother, the chapter also

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recognized and congratulated the seniors for all their hard work and accomplishments. They will be missed. The University commencement took place on June 14th. Our total number of undergraduate brothers now stands at twenty eight. Before the end of the term, Kevyn Buttler, a dear friend of many in our chapter was pinned on June 2nd.

Greek Week 2008:

A week of victories and mishaps

By John Williamson

Spring term means a lot of things to different people at Drexel. To some, it means the last term before going home for the summer. To others, it means the end of their college career. To Greeks at Drexel, spring term means that Greek Week has come again.



Greek Week 2008 was a ferocious competition amongst the sororities and fraternities, and Alpha Chi Rho; Lambda Chi Phi put up a good showing. New to Greek Week in 2008 was the flag football tournament. AXP was the #2 seed after their near upset of Pi Kappa Alpha in the championship game of IFC Football, and lived up to that ranking. They ran the table until the championship game. Less than 5 minutes into the game, Darren D'Achille was tackled and his ACL torn. Stepping up, Adam Marsh drove AXP up and down the field, but it was not enough as AXP fell once again by one point to Pi Kappa Alpha.



In the Arm Wrestling Competition, Brian Bobb stepped up for the over-180lbs contest, but tragedy struck as his arm was broken and he could not fight on. Darren D'Achille shoved aside his knee injury to repeat as the under-180lbs Arm Wrestling Champion. The Chariot Race had brought victory to AXP since the current chariot was built. However, in 2008, a loose bolt caused the chariot to break down and triumph was snatched from the Crows. The Tug o' War was moved to the DAC due to inclement weather, and the Crows overcame the awful conditions to place 2nd overall.



Other highlights included an incredible Stroll involving Apache (Jump on It), the windmill, and the extremely popular "J.C. Dance." Also, Dave Johnson dominated the Pizza Eating Contest, beating the second place finisher by minutes. John Williamson placed in multiple events, including 3rd in the Tricycle Race and the 4th overall Greek finisher in the Pipino Run, the first time a Crow has placed in the annual run in 5 years. The Water Relay of



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Geoff Bayer, Mike McCurdy, Mark Byerly and John Williamson placed third.

Overall, Alpha Chi Rho placed 4th among the Drexel fraternities. Fun was had by all, and the Crows can't wait to fight again in 2009.

Philanthropy

By Ralph Hernandez

Alpha Chi Rho takes pride on our community service program. Currently, for this term, we have accumulated over five hundred hours, which exceeded our goal for spring 2008. With only thirty seven members, every brother averages around seventeen hours every term. Every weekend, the brothers wake up early morning to give back to the community.

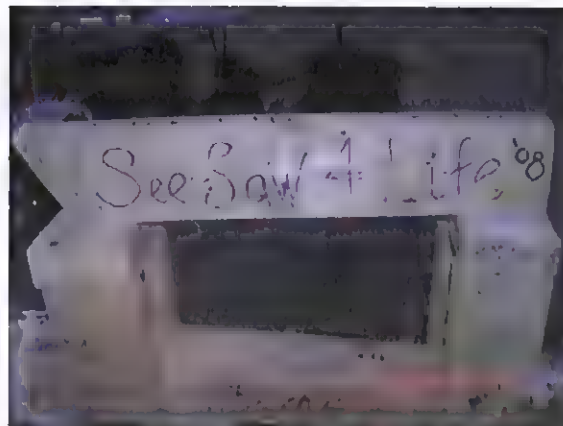


One event included gardening out in the Royal gardens. We helped with trail work and other environmental projects as this community garden pursues its mission to promote positive, constructive outdoor activities for all to enjoy. Another was the Chamounix Stables, where we helped prepare the stables for the "Work to Ride" program available for at-risk urban youths. We also cleared trails, cleaned and painted hay lofts, and repaired fences. Other programs we reached out to, include the New Creation Center and Easter Seals.

See Saw for Life

By Ralph Hernandez

"Seesaw for Life" one of the major annual events was held this past term. This year Alpha Chi Rho designed and built the seesaw. The AXP chapter then teamed up with the Delta Zeta sorority to raise funds for the Children's Wish Foundation from noon June 4 until noon Friday, June 6, 2008. For forty-eight hours straight AXP and DZ collected donations from passing by students and faculty while see-sawing in the Korman quad, between Chestnut and Market Streets and 32nd and 33rd Streets.



The Children's Wish Foundation is a non-profit organization that answers the wishes of seriously and terminally ill children across the world. They have been around for over 20 years, relying mostly on volunteer work to carry out their programs.

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President's Corner

By Chris Giardinelli

The most exciting topic right now is the overwhelming interest we have generated during our Fall Rush. We are looking to initiate a class of twelve to fifteen when everything is said and done. Heartfelt thanks go out to one of our most dedicated Brothers, Nick Bonavita, for his efforts as the Rush Chairman. The chapter as a whole came together this fall, recruiting stronger and smarter to ensure that we find quality individuals. The other topic generating a great deal of excitement is the formalization of the Graduate Chapter. Craig Hall is currently serving as the President of the Grad Chapter and making great strides to ensure its success. Everyone is looking forward to the continual growth of the Grad Chapter and the partnership we are forming. Everyone's hard work, determination and respect for the Brotherhood are making Drexel's Crows one of the most exhilarating and honorable organizations to be a part of.

Summer Athletics

By Darren D'Achille

Alpha Chi Rho Athletics has gotten off to another great start and we are looking to finish strong as we cross over the half way point of the season. Recapping the past months, AXP has seen some great improvement in what used to be impossible sports for our chapter. In both soccer and sand volleyball, AXP recorded its first multi-win seasons in both sports, making the playoffs in each. As for softball and horseshoes, typical strong performances were unfortunately derailed late in the playoffs, despite nearly perfect regular seasons.

Looking ahead to the fall, Football and Billiards continue to be a strong suit for AXP. We had a very good showing at our Pre-Season Football Tournament where we dominated over Apple Pi but failed to get past Pi Kappa Alpha in the second round. The team is very optimistic about the upcoming football season and has aspirations of championship glory. Beyond that, AXP is looking

to avenge their championship loss in bowling in the upcoming winter term, and continue to make great strides in basketball and build off last season, where we recorded a record 3 win seasons. All in all, the spirits are high and the Crows are looking to soar to victory.

Alpha Chi Rho National Golf Outing

Saturday, October 6th

By Nicholas Simmons

On a beautiful Saturday morning, friends and brothers of Alpha Chi Rho chapters from all around gathered for a day of golfing. The outing took place at the Mays Landing Country Club, Atlantic City, NJ. After registration and brunch, golfers in their foursomes took to the course. The foursomes played the best ball for each hole in order to get the lowest score. In addition to the pure fun of the game, brothers could be readily seen goofing off around the course. Brothers took the liberty of rally racing and trail blazing in the electric carts provided.

The event was planned and managed by Craig Hall a graduate of Drexel University. Two additional competitions were incorporated into the day. One being the longest drive and the other was a shot at a \$20,000 scholarship. The \$20,000 challenge was to sink a hole in one in a 100 yard shot. It proved to be far too difficult for anyone to accomplish. Fortunately, the day concluded with a BBQ style buffet with refreshments. Alpha Chi Rho's national president gave a speech during dinner. He was glad to see this event continue year after year.

The Recent History of Lambda Chi Phi

By Joe Grippe

Continuing to build men as class after class pass through the chapter hall of Alpha Chi Rho, the Lambda Chi Phi chapter is adding pages in the ever expanding story that describes our unique Brotherhood. Recently, the chapter lost what can be described as a landmark, the Newman center, due to

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external complications not related to the chapter. Solemnly, after our last meeting of summer term, the deadline for all the chapters' belongings to be moved out, the few remaining Brothers turned off the lights to the Ritual Room, and closed a chapter in the life of the Fraternity.

As many know, the Newman center held the Fraternity Archives, which date back to our colonization almost two decades ago. While moving the contents of the Ritual Room out, we shared discoveries of old "Crow" Jerseys and Tees, Minutes from important meetings to Lambda Chi Phi's creation and substantiation, and many other windows into history. These artifacts hold a meaning to the Fraternity as a whole which each Brother is a part of, they give incite into the state of the chapter at various points through time, they tell a piece of the story that is Alpha Chi Rho, Lambda Chi Phi.

One of those artifacts is rewritten below, to be shared with all who are associated with Alpha Chi Rho. As we move into the future adding chapters to our history, it is important to understand what our history is, thereby benefiting from it and recognizing those that paved our way. This is the story of our beginning.

The Recent History of Lambda Chi Phi

Original author unknown

Transcribed from Newman Archives via Joe Grippe

The original Alpha Chi Rho Fraternity at Drexel was started in the fall of 1989 by C. J. Lamers. An Interest Group was formed with approximately fifty people. After electing their first officers and acquiring Reverend Charles Brinkman as their Faculty Advisor the Interest Group sent their petition to National Headquarters on February 5, 1990.

On March 5, 1990, after a long and tedious discussion with the twelve members of the InterFraternity Association, the Interest Group at Drexel was given probationary approval to entreaty with Alpha Chi Rho to establish a Colony. March 8, 1990 was the day that saw twenty-four men of

the Interest Group get pinned and formally bring the Drexel Colony into existence.

The rest of the 1989-1990 academic year saw the Colony evolve into a close-knit group that was hard-working and extremely active. They were able to complete thirteen philanthropy events, attend twelve I.F.A events, go to Crow Bowl at Omicron Phi, road trip to three other Chapters, and double the standing I.F.A. Town Watch record by logging three hundred and thirty hours, all in thirteen weeks and still obtaining the highest cumulative GPA (2.85). The Colony was awarded two of the seven Dean's cup awards for the highest cumulative fraternity GPA and greatest commitment to the Community with well over five hundred service hours donated in one term.

In the 1990-1991 year, the Colony pinned its first postulant class. Ten postulants were pinned with the help of the immortal Mark "Opey" Williams. Also the Colony attended Crow Bowl at Epsilon Phi and the National Conclave at Phi Phi on October 20th. In October the Colony turned its sights on obtaining its Charter. On May 16, 1992, the Colony was given its Charter. Unfortunately, due to internal problems, in 1994 the Chapter returned its Charter back to the national Headquarters.

In October of 1994, a separate group of men started discussing the possibilities of starting their own fraternity at Drexel. At the forefront was Edward Gillision. As a member of the Undergraduate Student Government Association (USGA), Edward spoke to James Fitzpatrick, then Dean of Students and temporary Dean of Greek Life. It was Mr. Fitzpatrick that told Edward that there was a Fraternity that had just closed down and their Advisor was still on campus. Edward was introduced to Reverend Charles Brinkman and began inquiring about what happened to the Drexel Chapter of Alpha Chi Rho. Later in April of 1995, Edward Gillision, Brian Anderson, and Chris Park, a future postulant, visited the Alpha Chi Rho Chapter at the University of Pennsylvania. On July 5, 1995, Edward Gillision, John Connor, Ken Babicki, and Philip Fairchild visited the National Headquarters where they were introduced to Scott

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von Lutcken and William Dougherty, two members from the old chapter.

The new Interest Group was formed October 12, 1995. This first meeting saw us elect officers with Edward Gillison becoming President, Tim Durham becoming Vice-President, David Calhoun becoming Treasurer, and Brian Anderson becoming Secretary. It also saw the unanimous decision to maintain Reverend Charles Brinkman as our Faculty Advisor.

Shortly before and after the start, the Interest Group was extremely active. We participated in cooking and serving to the National Council at their meeting on October 9. Later in October the Interest Group visited the Home of the Merciful Savior, a home for children with cerebral palsy, to help the kids with pumpkin painting. At DragonFest, Drexel University's Homecoming, the Interest Group logged 167 service hours.

On January 6, 1996, the Interest Group presented its petition for Colony Status to National Council, and Colony Status was granted. The group was colonized on January 11, with the pinning of 30 members. Later in January, members of the Drexel Colony attended their first interfraternal event- a seminar about Date / Acquaintance Rape, which was hosted by a Drexel Sorority. The Colony held its first de-pinning ceremony on February 2.

March was a busy month for the members of the Drexel Colony. We hosted a Regional Round Table, participated in Crow Bowl, held a Pinning Ceremony for our first postulant class as well as approving our Colony Bylaws. In addition, we returned to the Home of the Merciful Savior to assist with their annual Square Dance, and enjoyed cheese steaks during the first "Crows' Night on South Street". In April, the Colony worked with Habitat for Humanity for the first time. We also hosted a social with the Drexel Alpha Sigma Alpha Sorority, and participated in Drexel's Greek Week.

In May, the Colony members participated in the Powelton Village Civic Association's Clean-up of local streets. The first Postulant Class was depinned on June 6, 1996. In July, Edward Gillison, Tim Durham and Brian Anderson attended the Leadership/Scholarship Institute. In September,

the Colony held its first philanthropy event at the People's Emergency Center.

In October, the Colony participated in the local Habitat for Humanity Build-a-thon, and later in the month returned to the Home of the Merciful Savior for pumpkin painting. October was also the time for us to send a team to play football at Crow Bowl, to hold the Pinning Ceremony of our second Postulant Class, and to work once more with Habitat for Humanity.

The Drexel Colony took part in the Powelton Village Civic Association's fall Clean up in November. We attended Alcohol Abuse and Hazing/Risk Management seminars hosted by Drexel's Dean of Greek Life. Also during that month, we hosted the Alpha Chi Rho Educational Foundation, had their first PRIDE evaluation with Brian Schwarz, held their second interfraternal social, and once again worked with Habitat for Humanity. We also returned to the People's Emergency Center for a philanthropy event in December.

During a weekend in January 1997, the Executive Council (Edward Gillison, Tim Durham, Brian Anderson, Jeff Madden, Michael Gentile, Doug Gahring) as well as Jim Plousis went to National Headquarters for an Executive retreat. This was a time to discuss the current state of the Colony and to plan for its future. January also found the Drexel Colony assisting in the National Fraternity's Future Search, hosting a Rush / recruitment Seminar given by Dave Stollman, holding the de-pinning ceremony of our Second Postulant Class, and visiting Rowan College to help the Alpha Chi Rho Brothers there with recruitment.

In addition to the above events, the Drexel Colony has several regular events. Every year during Winter Break, many Colony members travel to the Schrader Creek Hunting Lodge outside of Towanda, PA for a retreat. The first winter retreat was in 1995. On March 17, 1996, we hosted its first Pre-Finals Brunch for all Colony members, which is now served each term on the Sunday before final exams. In December 1996, Graduate Brothers of the Lambda Chi Phi Chapter also attended. Beginning on November 6, 1996, many members of

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the Colony now partake in Wednesday dinners at Cavanaugh's, a local restaurant and pub.

On September 20, 1997, the Drexel Colony was once again chartered as the Lambda Chi Phi Chapter. The actual chartering ceremony was done in the Newman Center, followed by a reception in the Grand Hall, in the Main Building and a banquet at the Sheraton, University City. On this day the mayor of Philadelphia proclaimed it Alpha Chi Rho day. The PECO building had "Congratulations AXP of Drexel" on it and the ensign flew at the corner of 33rd and Chestnut Streets.

Thanksgiving Dinner

November 16th

By Matthew Sponberg

Reworded by Nicholas Simmons

It was a goal set for the fall postulant class to provide the Brotherhood with a fine meal and atmosphere in celebration of Thanksgiving. Stepping up to the challenge the class began planning amongst themselves and with the help of sweethearts Angel and Ashley.

The class hosted the dinner at the house as a fundraiser. It took place the Friday before Thanksgiving to allow everyone to make it. On the morning of that Friday, devoted postulants began working as early as 6 am to prep two turkeys and a ham. As the time before the dinner began to dwindle, the rest of the postulants, and several brothers pitched in to help. Though this event was by the postulants, Ashley Rose, a future sweetheart, stepped up and began to delegate tasks.

Dinner consisted of turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, garlic bread, a plain and a Caesar salad, and a green bean casserole. When the time came for dinner to start, the turkeys were not ready. The crowd was up to about 30 people and they were getting upset about not being able to eat. The postulants managed to appease the murder of crows for some twenty minutes.

Dinner was followed by a pie-eating contest. The first one to finish their pie would win forty dollars. Four people took the challenge and the game was on. After twenty minutes the competition

was over but the fun was just beginning. All and all, everyone enjoyed themselves, and the class fundraised about \$500.

Victory Brewery Tour

Downingtown, PA

December 8th

By Nicholas Simmons

The Victory Brewer Tour has been a favored event and was long requested by the Brothers. Approximately twenty postulants, brothers, and grads made the trip up to Downingtown on a Saturday afternoon. First time goers were astounded by the brewery's restaurant with its fire store oven, pool tables, and unusually long bar.

Hands down, our tour guide was the best any of us had ever seen. He had amazing wit and charisma as he showed us the six step process of brewing. He explained the importance of yeast to ferment the beer, creating the alcohol content, and making it, "the drug you chug."



After the tour, we all stayed for dinner. Both the food and the atmosphere were of great quality. Everyone enjoyed themselves and we hope to have similar trips in the future.

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New Years Eve

By Dan Duffey

New Years Eve was a great time for all the brothers that were around to celebrate it. We had a great dinner in thanks to two of our sweethearts, Ashley Rose and Angel Gilberti. Dinner Consisted of Steak, Crab, Shrimp, Salad, and many other delicious items. Everyone pitched in and really helped to get the dinner finished up so we could all have a great meal. It was truly a group effort and everything turned out great.

After dinner was finished we all proceeded to dance and celebrate until about quarter of twelve. Everyone gathered in the chapter room to get situated to watch the ball drop. After we counted down to midnight, some headed outside to enjoy a New Year cigar, while others threw streamers and confetti.

Following this many went back to dancing until the wee hours of the morning, while others continued to enjoy their cigars, and still more continued to celebrate the New Year by greeting everyone on the street with well wishes for 2008. It was a great night had by all, from start to finish. Good food, good cigars, good times, great friends. It was a great way to kick off the New Year, surrounded by friends, and brothers, and having all the finest things any of us could have wanted.

Polar Bear Dive Dinner

Citizens Bank Park

January 30th

By Nicholas Simmons

It has been a tradition to host a dinner the Wednesday before the annual philanthropy event, Polar Bear Dive for the American Cancer Society. This year was no different. The dinner was hosted at the Citizens Bank Park Field in Philadelphia, PA. Brothers were asked to sell at least four tickets to the dinner, while Postulants were asked to sell two. The cost per ticket was \$40. Brothers and Postulants alike convinced their families and close friends to come out for the good cause. Dinner included Herb roasted Turkey accompanied by

sweet potato soufflé topped with marshmallows, sautéed green beans and buttermilk biscuits, wild rice salad with dried fruit, toasted pecans and honey balsamic dressing and a trio of sauces. The Chapter President, Chris Giardinelli, gave a speech to welcome and thank everyone for their attendance. Giardinelli also congratulated the Chapter Chaplin, Chris Frigon for his hard work in planning the dinner.

Tours of the ballpark were given before and after the dinner. Our guide led us throughout some of the most exclusive areas, such as the indoor practice facilities, batting cages, press conference room, and even the clubhouse. The clubhouse was an oval, which is unusual shape for a locker room. The guide pointed out that this was to ensure that no players would be feel isolated, since there were no corners. He also pointed out the hooks along the walls that are seldom used. Their purpose is to hang curtains protecting the players stuff when they are popping bottles of champagne. After the clubhouse the tour led out to the field itself. Many individuals expressed excitement to be on the tuff, run though the dugouts, and see "APLHA CHI RHO" displayed on all the advertising boards.

Tea, coffee, and cake were served after the final tour concluded. Brothers and their guests began to depart, while others continued to stay behind and chat. All seemed pleased with the night and some seemed reluctant to depart.

Polar Bear Dive

Cape May, NJ

February 2nd

By Nicholas Simmons

On this particular day, Brothers and Postulants arose from their slumber at times earlier than usual. However, it was not without good reason. All were willing to be men, and do what was needed to raise money for the American Cancer Society. As soon as we arrived on the beach at 10am we began "tailgating". Guys were throwing the football around, listening to music, hanging around on the beach chairs, and just having a good time. Guys

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would run to Wawa, 7-11, and other stores to bring back refreshments of all sorts. The energy was building up.



At high noon everyone marched down to shore line with great enthusiasm. Though it was cold out it was a nice sunny day, which was by far the best weather anyone has seen at the PBD in years. Before charging into to the icy waters the 2007 Fall Postulant class stopped us and presented their petition to become Brothers of Alpha Chi Rho. The applause for their hard work quickly turned to war cries as we then scrambled to our destiny of freezing cold water.



We each took at least one plunge into the waters. Many of us had friends and co-workers pledge a certain amount of money for each plunge we took.

That served as a driving force jump back into the water again and again. Due to the severity of brain freeze damage not much more can be recalled after that point. Once all had meet their goals the brothers and friends departed for a local diner to recuperate before heading home to tell of their story.

Fall and Winter Athletics

By Adam Marsh

The Lambda Chi Phi Chapter of Alpha Chi Rho had a great fall sports season. Traditionally among the top of fraternities in IFC football, the Brothers of Alpha Chi Rho took it a step further this year by going undefeated in the regular season, including first ever win over Tau Kappa Epsilon. An inspiring and bonding effort by every member of the Brotherhood led to a chance to play for the title against Pi Kappa Alpha. After a hard fought defensive battle and a 6-6 tie game at the end of regulation, Brothers faced adversity and scored a touchdown in overtime, but did not convert on the point after. The defense held strong to the last play of the game when a Pike receiver caught a touchdown in the corner of the end zone and then made the conversion for the win. Although not coming away with a championship, the Brothers of Alpha Chi Rho accomplished a great achievement by making it to the championship game for the first time in Chapter history.

The billiards season was a disappointment compared to recent years, with three matches lost on the last ball and many conflicts with night classes for our starting players.

Currently, Alpha Chi Rho is third overall in the IFC Athletic Cup and had a great start to the winter sports season with huge victories in basketball and bowling. In bowling, we look ahead to winning the IFC title with all 5 starters from last year returning. Basketball looks hopeful to with many starters returning and some new talent from recent Postulant classes. We look to make the basketball playoffs again like last year and hope to play for the Basketball title.

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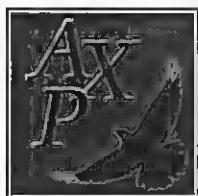
Conclave

Plymouth Meeting, PA

February 1st - 2nd

By Mat Magee

Undergraduate Brothers Matt Magee, Shishir Bankapur, and Patrick Reavey attended Alpha Chi Rho's annual Winter Conclave. While there, the Brothers met Crows from other Chapters and Officers of the National Fraternity. The two-day session featured a series of beneficial workshops on topics such as Ritual, officer transitions, and recruitment. Graduate Brothers Scott Mercaldo and William Dougherty were also in attendance. This year's conclave was a great experience for Brothers young and old, and gave the Undergraduates many ideas for the future.



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Dear Faculty, Staff, and Friends,

The brothers of the Lambda Chi Phi Chapter of Alpha Chi Rho cordially invite you to an **Open House Dinner** at the *AXP Fraternity House* on **Tuesday February 26th, 2008 at 6pm.** Our Brothers would like you to get to know us better; as well as familiarizing our younger members with the Drexel faculty and staff that have such an extensive impact on our chapter and student life as a whole.

Open house will begin at 6pm.
Dinner will be served at 6:15pm.

Alpha Chi Rho Chapter House

206 North 34th Street

We look forward to formally meeting you in our Home over a meal prepared by the Brothers. Please RSVP by the Feb. 20th to Nicholas Simmons at ncs27@drexel.edu.

Scott Carlson

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Greetings,

The Brothers of the Lambda Chi Phi Chapter are hosting an open house for the people we frequently interact with to help promote better relationships with between us and our University. Basically, we want everyone to know us. We would also like to invite you to the dinner, so that you can better know our Brothers too and vice versa.

The details are in the attached flyer, I hope you can make it out.

ITB,

Chris Giardinelli
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Dear Friends,

We always knew our Johnny was a good Christian boy, but we did not realize the impact his life had on so many until he died. The number of people who came to Johnny's funeral, some from great distances, overwhelmed us. Bishop McFadden's presence, as well as that of Monsignor Jagodzinski, Fathers Hutchins, Heron, Kelly, Nordeman, McCabe, Paolino, Okon, Weber, Marinucci, Flanagan, and Morabito, and Deacons Iannucci and Kazanjian honored us and the life of our boy. Father Morabito, Johnny's Newman Center chaplain and dear friend, spoke the truth of Johnny's faith in his beautiful homily. The musicians from Cardinal O'Hara, Drexel, Penn and St. Pius X parish and the bagpiper from St. Agatha/St. James lifted our hearts with their tributes.

The outpouring of love from so many touched our broken hearts deeply. We will never forget the many gifts of food and drink, flowers, books and religious articles, Mass cards and letters so lovingly offered, nor the calls and visits which helped carry us through the acute sadness of the past months. We are deeply grateful to the loving hands and hearts that prepared the beautiful program, the collages, that set up the Godspell video, that had our car washed, our house cleaned, our snow shoveled and performed countless other services for us.

Through your generosity, over \$18,000.00 has been raised in Johnny's memory for pro-life causes. Adding to this sum the \$7,000.00 that Johnny had saved, we purchased advertising for crisis pregnancy centers. We can joyfully report that at least two babies have been saved thus far! St. Pius' X Respect Life committee has grown from five members to forty who attend faithfully. Drexel students have formed a pro-life group named "Choose Life" in Johnny's memory. A Baby's Breath of Bryn Mawr, which supports mothers who choose life over abortion, has renamed its annual run "Johnny's Run for Life" which will be held on October 4. We are humbled to hear that Johnny's witness has encouraged many to return to the Church and sacraments. With Johnny as her sponsor, his beloved girlfriend, Jamie began the RCIA program last September. We proudly witnessed Jamie's entrance into the Catholic Church on Holy Saturday night as Dan filled in for his brother.

Your loving response has been so great, that we would never be able to thank each person individually, nor even to know the identity of everyone who offered us some measure of comfort. Not everyone who was there signed the memorial book or gave an address or indicated how he knew Johnny. To anyone we may have missed, we know that our Lord has seen your kindness and through Him, we offer our thanks. All of these things have helped us to celebrate with joy a life well-lived despite its brevity. For the rest of our lives, we will hold you all in our hearts with gratitude and love.

Sincerely,

John, Donna Marie, Elizabeth and Dan Williamson

Donna Marie
Elizabeth
Dan

JOHNNY

Three weeks ago I said to my wife, we really have three wonderful children. How are we so lucky? Each of them is a better person than I. All three of them are Eucharist ministers. All of them attend Sunday mass.

Elizabeth graduated summa cum laude from Immaculata University. She had a perfect 4.0 average. She could have taught anywhere, but she will only teach in Catholic schools. She is the head of the language department at St. Pius X High School.

Danny, a Notre Dame graduate, surprised us at church a few weeks ago while we were there for confession. He too was there to confess his sins.

Johnny sometimes went to confession every three weeks. He was in the choir at St. Agatha & St. James. He was also a member of the Drexel Newman Club. On Easter Sunday, he was going to be the sponsor for his girlfriend Jamie Duncan's conversion into the Catholic faith.

Johnny always wanted to follow his big brother to Notre Dame, and he had the accomplishments to do so. He made the All-Catholic band at Cardinal O'Hara high school for four years. He was also All-Catholic in track. He scored 1380 in his college boards. He was in the top 12 in his class. He lettered in cross country and track for four years. He ran a 4:40 mile. He taught CCD for two years. He was a National Merit Scholar. He was an Archdiocesan Scholar. Finally, he won the Heart of the Lion Award his senior year. But Notre Dame would not let him in. He also played Scrooge in the Christmas Carol and in Godspell, he played Jesus. How could Notre Dame turn down Jesus? I prayed and he prayed and my wife prayed but they still wouldn't let him in.

This past Monday night I finally figured out why he did not get into Notre Dame. There was a prayer vigil at Drexel for Johnny and Ian. A young man walked up to me, hugged me and told me "you don't know me but three months ago, I returned to the Catholic Church because of Johnny Williamson." This was the third time someone told me how Johnny led to their conversion. It finally dawned on me why he did not get into Notre Dame. He was needed at Drexel.

Our job as parents is to get our kids into heaven. So I think I can say - "Mission Accomplished".

If you look on Facebook, Johnny wrote on January 22, "A person is a person no matter how small. I wish I could be in DC but instead can just hope the innocents will be spared." The next day, he wrote his final Facebook entry. It was "Choose Life." Thirty-six hours later, he passed away. The coroner gave me his affects, his wallet, a broken cell phone and this wristband, which was given to him by Father Nordeman six years ago which says "O'Hara respects all life." It has ten week old baby feet on the bracelet.

People have been asking what they can do for us. I'll tell you what you can do. You can show up here on February 16th, Monday night, at 8pm to help the St. Pius X Respect Life Committee save babies in Johnny's name.

If you knew Johnny, you knew he absolutely loved children. He was constantly playing with all the neighbors' children, as well as cousins. He was planning to be a pediatric nurse. He played Santa Claus on December 24th for his cousins.

I think I know why God took him before his 22nd birthday. In heaven, Jesus needed a Recreation Director for the 50 million surgically aborted children and two fellows, Fat Harold and Pop Pop Jack, told Jesus we have just the right guy. On Sunday, Jesus called him Home.

We had Johnny for over 22 wonderful years, for it was on my wife's 30th birthday, June 23, 1986, that she told me she had a birthday present for me. She told me she was pregnant with Johnny.

We can't complain to God that he passed away. We thank Jesus that Johnny came our way.

If I may quote from Lou Gehrig, I will tell you, "We are the luckiest family on the face of the earth."

